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TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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MBABANE FOR OSARAC, NAIROBI FOR REDSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:EAID, ETRN, BC

SUBJECT: BOTSWANA - TRANSPORT RECONNAISANCE

REFERENCE: A) GABORONE 1810, B) ALBERTI/PERRY TELECON
C) STATE 229734

1. APPRECIATE RANGE OF CONCERN RAISED REF A; HOWEVER,
THUNBERG PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS REGRETABLY ALLOWS NO SCHEDULE
FLEXIBILITY. THUNBERG PERHAPS ONE OF MOST EMINENT U.S.
ECONOMISTS AND STATE/AID PLEASED HER WILLINGNESS UNDERTAKE
STUDY.

2. THIS VISIT INTENDED TO ACCOMPLISH FOLLOWING TASKS:

A. PROVIDE U.S.G. WITH RANGE OF ECONOMIC DATA TO RATIONALLY
ENHANCE ON-GOING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PLANNING EFFORT FOR
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BOTSWANA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION, WITH INITIAL EMPHASIS

ON TRANSPORTATION.

B. BELIEVE VISIT ENHANCES U.S.G. STATEMENTS THAT U.S.G.
SERIOUS IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO REGION.

C. DETERMINE IMPACT OF RHODESIAN TRANSITION ON BOTSWANAN
ECONOMY.

D. FYI BELIEVE QUESTION OF DISRUPTION OF TRANSPORTATION
SYSTEMS NOT RPT NOT BE RAISED BY THUNBERG. HOWEVER, IF
ISSUE IS RAISED BY GOB AND IT BELIEVES DISRUPTION QUESTION
REMAINS SERIOUS PROBLEM, THUNBERG ROLE ONLY THAT OF INFOR-
MATION GATHERER. END FYI.

3. GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF EFFORT REQUEST EMBASSY/AID MAKE
EVERY EFFORT TO GAIN FULL COOPERATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY.

4. UNDERSTAND HOUSING NOT PROBLEM PER REF B.

5. REGRETABLY GIVEN TIME/TRAVEL CONSTRAINTS EMBASSY/OSARAC
BRIEFING OF THUNBERG/EPSTEIN MUST TAKE PLACE GABORONE.

6. THUNBERG/EPSTEIN ETA, MONDAY, 4 OCT., 1240 HRS, FLT
SA-100. THUNBERG ETD GABORONE 17 OCT 1310 HRS, FLT BOTS
177. EPSTEIN DPT TO BE ARRANGED GABORONE. ROBINSON

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